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Title: Regarding Wild Boar menace faced by farmers of Karnataka.

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): Farmers in various parts of the country including Karnataka are suffering huge losses of crop due to attacks of Wild Boars. Not only crop loss, there are several reported incidents of attacks on human and cattle. As we are all aware that farmers are already living in pathetic condition due to natural calamities like drought in one part of the country, floods in another part of the country and so on. Apart from all these problems, farmers also face wild animal menace from Wild Boar, Elephants, etc. In my constituency, this menace is widespread and no compensation is paid to the affected farmers. Only in some cases farmers were paid very little compensation. A good number of MPs have raised this issue and expressed their concerns from time to time. Also, there have been suggestions from several quarters that since state forest departments do not have the power to issue orders to hunt down wild animals, the Centre must make regulations to ensure the safety of human life and property. I request the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change to take steps to remove Wild Boars from the Schedule V of the Wildlife Act with immediate effect. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to make necessary changes in the rules and protect the human lives and also the crops and other property of the poor farmers.